

balance not just work obligations, but a myriad of sports practices, school events, playdates, and Cub Scout meetings. Never once has Maya balked at my insistence of putting my family first, ahead of the Senate. In fact, she has been instrumental in protecting and supporting my family, continually pushing back against the pressures to put the children second. When my wife Cathy learned of Maya's departure, she audibly gasped. She knew what a loss this would be for our family.

And finally, today, I also feel a ton of pride. I feel pride because Maya is part of what makes the Senate work. She believes that this place is still capable of great things, and she is committed to making our institution live up to its potential. After spending 16 years between our office and the office of former Senator Mark Begich, Maya could have high-tailed it for private sector pastures. But she didn't. She leaves our office to join Senator JOHN FETTERMAN as his new administrative director. The job of standing up a brandnew Senate office is a daunting one, but Maya doesn't shirk from the challenge. She wants the Senate to work, and she is willing to do the hard work to make this possible.

I also feel pride today in who Maya has become while she has worked in our office. As she proudly told me when she informed me of her next move, she has undergone the most important changes in her life during her time with our office. She was amazing when she showed up here, but I would like to think that she is even more amazing today. And maybe the people she has spent the last 8 years with have had a little to do with her growth. I hope she would say this is the case.

I am glad Maya isn't going far. I have a feeling she will be a part of my life and our team members' lives for a long time. I feel joy, sadness, and pride today, all at the same time. But mostly, I just feel lucky that for the last 8 years, I have had Maya Ashwal as my right arm.

TRIBUTE TO AMY BUTTON RENZ

Mr. MARSHALL. Mr. President, I rise today to honor and recognize the wonderful career of Amy Button Renz.

Like many, Amy began her career in Washington, DC, where she interned for both Senator Bob Dole and Representative Garner Shriver during the summer of 1974. After graduating from Kansas State University in the spring of 1976, Amy came back to DC, where she worked for Senator Roman Hruska until his retirement that December. Her time in public service was not over, as she moved back to Kansas to work for State Senator Ron Hein during the 1977 legislative session.

After her time in the Kansas Statehouse, Amy began her career with the Kansas State University Alumni Association in 1977. She would be named president and CEO of the alumni association in 1994, becoming the first fe-

male alumni director in the history of the Big Eight and later the Big 12 conference. Throughout her career, she has been crucial in the development of programming efforts, most notably as the lead fundraiser for the alumni center building campaign as well as serving as the chair of several search committees that have brought key administrators to Kansas State University. She has raised millions of dollars for student scholarships, and has always put the students of Kansas State University first.

Amy has been recognized for her servant leadership ceaselessly. In 2009 she received the Staley School of Leadership Mike Holen Outstanding Leadership Award, and in 2012 she was selected for the Directors Award by the K-State Marching Band. That same year, she was the recipient of the inaugural Amethyst Award, the University's highest award honoring those for their extraordinary contributions to K-State. Her influence extends past the university, as she was recognized with the Lyle Butler Distinguished Leadership Award from the Manhattan Chamber of Commerce in 2020.

Amy is a third generation K-Stater, and has earned two degrees from the University, a bachelor's degree in political science and a master's degree in public administration. Her husband, Allen, is a K-Stater, as are her three children. Her last day at the Kansas State University Alumni Association will be on June 30th, 2023. Her leadership and devotion will certainly be missed, but always remembered.

I now ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Amy's outstanding career, as well as thank her for 45+ years of service to Kansas State University. Amy is a true inspiration to those around her, fighting ever fighting for a wildcat victory.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

REMEMBERING QUBILAH JONES

• Mr. BOOZMAN. Mr. President, today I rise to honor the life of Qubilah Jones who passed away on December 31, 2022, after a long battle with lymphedema.

Raised in Marianna, AR, Qubilah was called to serve others. She lived in Jonesboro, AR, but her heart touched people far beyond the city limits. Qubilah dedicated herself to her family and her community. She was an active member of Mount Zion Baptist, a published poet, and a passionate community service advocate.

Qubilah launched her broadcasting career as a radio host at the nonprofit radio station KLEK in 2016, where she became known as the Voice of Jonesboro. In this role, she worked to inform the community by conducting hundreds of interviews with nonprofit, faith-based, and government leaders in the region.

Even through her battle with lymphedema, those who knew Qubilah

best said she never let the disease stop her from making a positive difference. She led by example. In 2017, Qubilah was named Volunteer of the Year for the more than 2,000 hours of community service she provided, as well as encouraging others to get involved.

She was an inspiration to many with an official proclamation of Qubilah Jones Day in Jonesboro and her alma mater, Arkansas State University, having lit its library tower pink in her honor serving as evidence of her impact. Her advocacy for awareness and treatment of lymphedema, helped lead to passage of the Lymphedema Treatment Act days before her passing. This law will help support the needs of others living with this condition.

I join Qubilah's family, friends, and countless others in mourning her passing. She has left a tremendous legacy that will last for years to come.●

REMEMBERING QUBILAH JONES

• Mr. COTTON. Mr. President, as the new year began, an exceptional life tragically ended. The State of Arkansas lost a powerful voice and community leader when Qubilah Jones passed away, age 45, after a 14-year battle against lymphedema.

Qubilah was born in Corpus Christi, TX, but her legacy and her heart are in Jonesboro, AR. Qubilah was a daily companion to countless Arkansans as the host of KLEK's "Community Conversations," a morning show where she interviewed hundreds of leaders about faith, government, and community involvement.

Qubilah had a God-given gift for words, and she was a relentless advocate for northeast Arkansas. She was a pillar of her church, New Mount Zion Baptist Church, where she produced the church newspaper. She was a curious soul who returned to education later in life, put in the work, and ultimately earned undergraduate and graduate degrees from Arkansas State University and Grand Canyon University. She was the driving force behind community celebrations such as KLEK's award-winning Juneteenth in Jonesboro Celebration. She was a proud and active alumna of her sorority, Delta Sigma Theta. And perhaps above all, she was a loving mother to her son, Quante Jeffrey.

For these accomplishments, and for the more than 2,000 hours of community service that Qubilah performed, the city of Jonesboro named her Volunteer of the Year in 2017.

More incredible still, Qubilah accomplished these things while battling lymphedema, an incurable disease that slowly sapped her mobility and strength. She spoke often on her radio show and podcast about living with a serious illness, providing advice and consolation to those who had their own cross to bear. But even as the disease took its toll on her body, it could not wipe away her warm smile or infectious laughter. Qubilah's sister, Gwen

Henderson, put it well: “as she declined in mobility, she never declined in spirit.”

Qubilah’s battle against disease set her up for one last act of service—one of her greatest. After witnessing the suffering that lymphedema can cause, she became a restless and passionate advocate for the Lymphedema Treatment Act, a bill to ensure that compression treatment items essential to managing the disease are covered by Medicare. I was proud to cosponsor that bill, along with 73 of my Senate colleagues. And on December 23, just 1 week before Qubilah passed from this life, that bill became law. Countless Americans suffering from lymphedema will get needed relief as a result. It is yet another part of Qubilah’s extraordinary legacy of service.

The city of Jonesboro, the State of Arkansas, the U.S. Senate, and all those touched by Qubilah’s words and deeds mourn the loss of the “Voice of Jonesboro.” May she rest in peace.●

TRIBUTE TO GERALD VANDEWALLE

● Mr. CRAMER. Mr. President, one of North Dakota’s most distinguished citizens and respected jurists is retiring this week. Justice Gerald W. “Jerry” VandeWalle is leaving the North Dakota Supreme Court as the longest serving justice in the history of the court.

A native of the small northwestern North Dakota community of Noonan, Justice VandeWalle earned his law degree from the University of North Dakota in 1958. He devoted more than 60 years of his legal career working for the citizens of our State. The first 20 years were as an assistant attorney general, prior to his appointment to the supreme court in 1978. In his nearly 45 years on the supreme court, he served 27 of those as chief justice. At the time he relinquished his responsibilities as chief justice in 2020, he was the longest serving chief justice in the entire Nation.

As impressive as these statistics are, the real legacy of Justice VandeWalle is not found in numbers. Instead, it is in the profound impact he made year after year, case after case, as he sought to uphold the law with impartiality in every judicial decision. His warmth and kindness, his engaging optimism, and his humble nature were his everyday demeanor. He was accessible to other state officials, a fierce advocate for the judicial branch before the State legislature, and a revered mentor to lawyers across the State and country.

In the 27 years between 1993 and 2020 when Justice VandeWalle was chief justice, North Dakota experienced notable changes in its population, demographics, economy, and culture. All the while, he kept a steady focus on how North Dakota courts could deliver access to justice for all. He was integral in unifying the court system, redefining state judicial districts and

bringing more judges to accommodate each district’s needs. He addressed emerging technology innovations in courtrooms and expanded court services for population groups like veterans, juveniles, and the elderly.

The judicial impact of Justice Jerry VandeWalle will resonate across our State and Nation for decades to come. Visitors to our State capitol will read about his legendary career next to his portrait in the North Dakota Rough Rider Hall of Fame, the highest honor given to our citizens. Kris and I will miss seeing him at official events and will treasure even more the friendship we shared over the years. On behalf of all North Dakotans, I thank him for his exemplary service and congratulate him on his well-earned retirement. I wish him many years of health and happiness in the future.●

TRIBUTE TO CODY WOOLSTON AND ERIC GOLDSCHMIDT

● Mr. PAUL. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize officers Cody Woolston and Eric Goldschmidt for their heroic actions on Monday, October 31, 2022.

On that day, Officers Woolston and Goldschmidt responded to calls of a woman attempting to jump off an overpass on Breckinridge Lane, which runs over a local interstate. When the two officers arrived at the scene, they found a woman standing on top of the barrier and looking over the highway. Officers Woolston and Goldschmidt tried to talk with the woman, but she was wearing headphones and not responding.

When she started to lean more towards the drop, Officer Woolston bravely grabbed her from the barrier, saving her life. The officers then took her to a local hospital to receive help. Upon arrival, she was hesitant to go inside, but Officer Woolston calmly reassured her and took her hand as they walked in together.

As a result of his quick actions that saved a life, Officer Woolston was nominated for a 2023 Rise Award. Officers Woolston and Goldschmidt were also nominated for the Louisville Metro Police Department’s lifesaving award.

Officers Woolston and Goldschmidt are brave servants to the city of Louisville and a true testament to the hard-working Louisville Metro Police Department. I am proud to salute both officers and have no doubt they will continue to be an incredible asset to the citizens of Louisville.●

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 4:43 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 21. An act to provide for the development of a plan to increase oil and gas production under oil and gas leases of Federal

lands under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of Agriculture, the Secretary of Energy, the Secretary of the Interior, and the Secretary of Defense in conjunction with a drawdown of petroleum reserves from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve.

The message also announced that pursuant to sections 5580 and 5581 of the revised statutes (20 U.S.C. 42-43), and the order of the House of January 9, 2023, the Speaker appoints the following Member on the part of the House of Representatives to the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution: Ms. Matsui of California.

The message further announced that pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 7002, the Minority Leader appoints the following individual to the United States-China Economic and Security Review Commission: Mr. Jacob S. Helberg of Miami Beach, Florida.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 21. An act to provide for the development of a plan to increase oil and gas production under oil and gas leases of Federal lands under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of Agriculture, the Secretary of Energy, the Secretary of the Interior, and the Secretary of Defense in conjunction with a drawdown of petroleum reserves from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

S. 123. A bill to protect American small businesses, gig workers, and freelancers by repealing the burdensome American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 transactions reporting threshold, and to rescind certain funding provided to the Internal Revenue Service under section 10301 of Public Law 117-169.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-116. A communication from the Chairman of the National Credit Union Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the semi-annual report of the Inspector General for the period from April 1, 2022 through September 30, 2022 received in the Office of the President pro tempore of the Senate; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-117. A communication from the Director, Defense Security Cooperation Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Agency’s Agency Financial Report for fiscal year 2022 received in the Office of the President pro tempore of the Senate; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-118. A communication from the Chief Executive Officer of the Peace Corps, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office of Inspector General’s Semiannual Report for the period of April 1, 2022 through September 30,